



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Cold Weather Injury Prevention

1. Despite recent climatic changes resulting in milder average temperatures, extremely cold temperatures persist in many parts of the world and continue as a major threat to our workforce. Because of current and ongoing operations, our soldiers and civilians are required to serve and train in environments in which serious cold weather injuries may occur. I ask that you review and update your programs and policies for the prevention of cold injuries. Commanders and supervisors at all levels are responsible for protecting soldiers and civilian personnel from cold injury.
2. Commanders must develop procedures to alert individuals of weather conditions and adopt techniques to reduce the susceptibility of personnel to cold injury. I want every soldier and civilian, whose primary workday is spent conducting arduous tasks outdoors or in buildings without climate control trained on cold weather injury prevention.
3. To assist you, the Command Surgeon has developed a baseline cold injury training package (enclosed, to be distributed by email). This information can be used to train personnel on climatic injury prevention.
4. Point of contact for this training package is MAJ Thurman at DSN 767-9470, Commercial (703) 617-9470 or e-mail <thurmane@hqamc.army.mil>. Additional training materials and information can be obtained from the Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (CHPPM) at <usachppm.apgea.army.mil/coldinjury>.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Encl:
Training Package

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